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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS MESSAGE FOR CALLAGHAN

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO CALLAGHAN.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR JIM:

I KNOW YOU WILL BE PLEASED TO HEAR THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED. AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE SHORTLY IN ALEXANDRIA, JERUSALEM AND WASHINGTON THAT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM WILL BE INITIALED TODAY AND SIGNED LATER IN THE WEEK IN GENEVA. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO PARTIES WILL THEN WORK OUT IN THE MILITARY WORKING GROUP OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE A PROTOCOL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT, UPON SIGNATURE OF WHICH LATER IN SEPTEMBER THE AGREEMENT WILL ENTER INTO EFFECT.

THE AGREEMENT WITH ITS ANNEX WILL BE PUBLISHED, FROM WHICH I BELIEVE YOU WILL SEE THAT BOTH SIDES IN THE END MADE THE KIND OF SERIOUS EFFORT THAT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM TO BE BRIDGED. LET ME JUST SUMMARIZE FOR YOU HERE THE PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT. UNDER ITS TERMS,

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ISRAEL WILL WITHDRAW FROM THE SINAI PASSES AND OIL FIELDS,

AND BOTH PARTIES AGREE NOT TO RESORT TO FORCE
AND TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A FINAL PEACE
SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 338. THEY HAVE
ALSO AGREED TO A PROPOSAL, WHICH MUST BE APPROVED BY OUR
CONGRESS, WHEREBY THEY WILL ENTRUST TO THE UNITED STATES AN
EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN THE AREA OF THE SINAI PASSES. THE
UNITED STATES WILL MAKE AVAILABLE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL NOT
TO EXCEED 200 IN NUMBER FOR THIS PURPOSE.

I BELIEVE YOU WILL AGREE THAT THIS AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES A
FURTHER SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST. WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT IT MUST BE FOLLOWED BY
EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS ON THE OTHER ASPECTS OF A FINAL
SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
SYRIA AND ISRAEL. IT IS OUR FIRM INTENTION TO REMAIN ACTIVELY
ENGAGED IN THE PEACE-MAKING PROCESS, HOWEVER DIFFICULT THAT
MAY BE. OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS REQUIRE NOTHING LESS.

THE THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN VERY TOUGH, AND AS YOU CAN SURMISE,
IT WAS NECESSARY TO CONVEY A NUMBER OF CONFIDENTIAL ASSURANCES
FROM ONE PARTY TO THE OTHER, AS WELL AS FOR US TO REASSURE THE
PARTIES IN A NUMBER OF WAYS OF OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. I AM TELL-
ING YOU THIS IN STRICT CONFIDENCE, ALTHOUGH I SUSPECT SOME
OF THE CONFIDENTIAL ASPECTS OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BEGIN TO SUR-
FACE BEFORE LONG. I WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU A FULLER FILL-
IN WHEN WE MEET DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. MEANWHILE,
HOWEVER, YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT WE HAVE MAINTAINED A FREE
AHDN SO FAR AS OUR CONTINUING EFFORT TO PROMOTE A
SETTLEMENT IS CONCERNED.

PRESIDENT FORD IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THIS
OBJECTIVE AND, DESPITE SOME RECENT DIFFICULTIES AT HOME, I
BELIEVE WE SHALL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE BROAD SUPPORT OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS IN OUR EFFORTS. IT IS MY HOPE
AND BELIEF THAT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND
ISRAEL WILL HAVE A POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL
IMPACT ON ATTITUDES BOTH IN AMERICA AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST
AND WILL CONTRIBUTE MEASURABLY TO GENERATING NEW MOMENTUM
TOWARD PEACE.

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WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

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